

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 2-5 with the following amended paragraph:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application is a 371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/US06/32264, titled "Method and Substances for Isolating miRNAs," filed August 18, 2006, which claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application 60/709,861, titled "Method and Substances for the Isolation, Amplification and Detection of miRNAs," filed August 19, 2005, the contents of which are incorporated in this disclosure by reference in their entirety.